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1. CHINA

CITING RECENT INTERVIEWS W/HIGH CARTER ADMIN OFFICIALS,  
NYT'S GWERTZMAN SAYS US INCLINED FAVOR SALE CERTAIN

DEFENSIVE WEAPONS TO PRC BY W EUR COUNTRIES. STATES

INTERVIEWS SEEMED PROVIDE CONSENSUS THAT IF FRANCE/UK

SOUGHT PERMISSION W/IN NATO TO SELL DEFENSIVE WEAPONS

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TO PRC, US WOULD NOT SEEK BLOCK SALE. QUOTES DOS  
OFFICIAL, "IT'S NOT THE KIND OF ISSUE THAT WE WOULD  
HAVE A POLICY ON, EXCEPT THAT WE DON'T RULE IT OUT."

REUTER (5/17-18) RUNS 2 HARRIS ITEMS/1 PRITCHETT ARTICLE  
RE BRZEZINSKI'S UPCOMING PEKING TRIP. HARRIS SAYS  
CONCERN OVER SOVIET MIL INVOLVEMENT IN AFRICA EXPECTED

BE MAJOR ISSUE IN BRZEZINSKI'S TALKS W/CHINESE. ALSO HIGH ON AGENDA WILL BE SOVIET MIL POWER IN E EUR AND ITS THREAT TO NATO/PRC'S INTEREST IN HAVING US MAINTAIN STRONG DETERRENT THRUOUT WORLD. NOTES EMPHASIS BY US OFFICIALS ON GLOBAL NATURE BRZEZINSKI'S TALKS SEEMS INDICATE NORMALIZATION WILL RANK SECOND TO OTHER TOPICS.

PRICHETT FINDS BRZEZINSKI VISITING CHINA AMID SIGNS-- NOTED BY WESTERN DIPLOMATS IN PEKING--OF SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN SINO-US RELS. DIPLO SOURCES SAY BRZEZINSKI VISIT WILL BE ALL BUSINESS, W/ONLY BRIEF SIGHTSEEING. NO PUBLIC SPEECHES/NEWS CONFS WILL TAKE PLACE/NO JOINT STATEMENT WILL BE ISSUED.

ROMANIAN PRES CEAUSESCU HAS INVITED FON CORRESPONDENTS IN HK TO PEKING NEWS CONF FRIDAY. INVITATION REPORTEDLY EXTENDED BECAUSE CEAUSESCU'S SCHEDULE TOO CROWDED TO ALLOW HK STOPOVER. DIPLOMATS NOTED IF JOURNALISTS DID COME, THEY WOULD BE IN PEKING FOR BRZEZINSKI ARRIVAL-- DESPITE FACT US DECIDED NO CORRESPONDENTS WOULD ACCOMPANY BRZEZINSKI ON TRIP (REUTER PEKING 5/17).

PARIS OBSERVERS SEE HUA'S ANNOUNCED TRIP TO FRANCE OF MAJOR HISTORIC/SYMBOLIC SIGNIFICANCE, REFLECTING PRAGMATIC NEW APPROACH POST-MAO LEADERSHIP. ACCORDING EXPERTS, TRIP WILL BE FIRST-EVER WESTERN VISIT BY UNCLASSIFIED

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CHINESE HEAD OF GOVT--INCL EMPERORS (BROWNING, CSM PARIS).

"IZVESTIA", IN LATEST SERIES OF COMMENTARIES VOICING ALARM OVER PRC'S INCREASED LINKS W/WEST, SAID PEKING "PAMPERED" ENVOYS OF NATO COUNTRIES/JAPAN. COMPARED WESTERN SUPPORT FOR CHINA TO ENCOURAGEMENT IT SAID WESTERN POWERS GAVE NAZI GERMANY AGAINST USSR (REUTER 5/17).

PEKING HAS DISPUTED SOVIET VERSION OF BORDER INCIDENT LAST WEEK/SAID IT HAD BULLETS/CARTRIDGE CASES TO PROVE SEVERAL CHINESE WOUNDED IN INCURSION. IN NOTE READ BY DEP FONMIN YU CHAN TO SOVIET AMB TOLSTIKOV, PRC SAID SOVIET EXPLANATION OF INCIDENT UNACCEPTABLE/DEMANDED FORMAL REPLY W/WHAT IT CALLED HONEST ACCOUNT (BUTTERFIELD, NYT HK; PRITCHETT, REUTER PEKING, 5/17-18).

## 2. JAPAN

GOJ HAS REVIVED PLAN--ONCE REJECTED BY US--TO BUY ALASKAN CRUDE OIL. FUKUDA HAS INSTRUCTED OFFICIALS

COME UP W/DETAILS FOR ARRANGEMENT PERMITTING JAPAN EXCHANGE SOME OIL IT BUYS FROM MIDEAST FOR ALASKAN OIL. PM REPORTEDLY ENCOURAGED DURING RECENT US TRIP TO BELIEVE USG MIGHT LOOK MORE FAVORABLY ON SUCH ARRANGEMENT THAN IT DID LAST YR (CHAPMAN, WP TOKYO; CULLISON, JOC TOKYO).

LAT'S JAMESON (5/17) REPORTS SENIOR JAPANESE FON MINISTRY OFFICIAL TESHIMA HAS WARNED THAT IF SUPREME COURT RULES IN FAVOR IMPOSING COUNTERVAILING DUTIES ON US IMPORTS JAPANESE ELECTRONICS PRODUCTS, GATT RULES WOULD BE DESTROYED.

JAPAN'S CONSUL GENRL IN NY SPOKE TO LOCAL EXECS AT UNCLASSIFIED

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WORLD TRADE CENTER 5/17, SAID JAPAN LIBERALIZING IMPORT RESTRICTIONS/SEEKING HIGHER DOMESTIC GROWTH "AT CONSIDERABLE INFLATIONARY RISK." CLAIMED JAPAN'S MARKET NOW AS OPEN/ACCESSIBLE TO IMPORTS AS US/ANY OTHER MAJOR INDUSTRIAL NATION (ROUSMANIERE, SUN).

DOJ INVESTIGATORS HAVE RECOMMENDED LOCKEED CORP/ITS FORMER PRES KOTCHIAN BE PROSECUTED IN CONNECTION W/PAY-OFFS OF JAPANESE OFFICIALS (UPI'S GORDON, WP).

NAOJI WATANABE--VP ALL NIPPON AIRWAYS--DENIED IN TOKYO COURT 5/17 THAT HE TOLD INVESTIGATORS FORMER JAPANESE PM TANAKA USED HIS POSITION TO PERSUADE AIRLINE BUY LOCKHEED JETS. WATANABE TOLD COURT TANAKA DISCUSSED AIRCRAFT W/NIXON, FORMER UK PM HEATH, BUT SAID HE DID NOT REMEMBER SPECIFIC NAMES OF AIRCRAFT BEING MENTIONED (REUTER TOKYO 5/17).

ANTI-AIRPORT LEAGUE HAS REFUSED GOJ OVERTURES FOR NEGOTS ON RESOLVING DIFFERENCES OVER AIRPORT. PAN AM/BRITISH AIRWAYS HAVE SAID THEY WILL NOT USE NARITA UNTIL SATISFIED W/SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS, THO AIR FRANCE PLANS USE NARITA NEXT TUES. OPENING CEREMONY WILL BE GUARDED BY 14,000 RIOT POLICE W/DOGS/ARMORED CARS/WATER CANNON (REUTER'S FOLEY, NARITA 5/17).

CULLISON (JOC TOKYO) REPORTS JAPAN'S TRADE SURPLUS OFF ABOUT ONE-THIRD COMPARED W/LAST MONTH'S FIGURES. FINANCE MINISTRY SAYS EVIDENCE ENOUGH EXISTS TO SUGGEST THAT FROM NOW ON THERE WILL BE STEADY DECLINE IN MONTHLY SURPLUSES.

IN SEPARATE ITEM, CULLISON NOTES JAPANESE SHIPBUILDERS UNCLASSIFIED

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WILL BE OPERATING YARDS AT 70 PCT OF THEIR PEAK 1973  
LEVELS THIS FY. SHIPBUILDERS' ASSN PRES NOTES GOJ, THRU  
"ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE" PROCEDURES, HAS FORCED YARDS  
CUT BACK PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES.

3. KOREA

ACCORDING REUTER (SEOUL), MILITARY SPOKESMAN SAYS US  
SENT HOME 1,000 MEN LAST DECEMBER AS PART TROOP W/DRAWAL

PROGRAM. SPOKESMAN DECLINED SAY WHETHER ANY MORE  
TROOPS SENT HOME SINCE THEN.

JAWORSKI ASKED HOUSE ETHICS CMTE 5/17 TO PASS TOUGH  
RESOLUTION TELLING SK GIVE IN TO DEMANDS FOR QUESTIONING  
FORMER AMB KIM DONG JO. IN RELATED DEVELOPMENT, SENATE  
ETHICS CMTE DECIDED PUT OFF/POSSIBLY ABANDON PUBLIC  
HEARINGS. CMTE CHRMN STEVENSON SAID PANEL WOULD SOON  
ISSUE LENGTHY REPORT ON FINDINGS, INCL "VERY REVEALING"  
VERBATIM TRANSCRIPTS GIVEN BY 12 WITNESSES--INCL TONGSUN  
PARK. STEVENSON SAID, HOWEVER, HE STILL SAW NO GROUNDS  
FOR PROSECUTION OF ANY SENATORS (UPI, WP).

4. PHILIPPINES

PHILS DEFENSE DEPT SAYS FEWER THAN 500 OF 2,015 DETAINEES  
IN MIL CUSTODY BEING HELD ON SUSPICION OF SECURITY  
CRIMES/DENIES ANY DETAINED FOR POL REASONS (REUTER  
MANILA).

SWITZERLAND/PHILS HAVE SIGNED ECON AID AGREEMENT UNDER  
WHICH SWISS WILL MAKE 60-MIL-DOL LOAN AVAILABLE FOR  
PHIL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS. ALSO, PHILS POWER CORP HAS  
RECEIVED 70-MIL-DOL LOAN FROM BANK GROUP, HEADED BY  
BANK OF MONTREAL (WSJ).

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5. CAMBODIA/VIETNAM

NYT'S KAMM QUOTES "WELL-INFORMED SOURCES" THAT FIGHTING HAS  
ONCE MORE BROKEN OUT ALONG BROAD FRONT ON VIET-CAMBODIAN  
BORDER. SAYS BOTH SIDES HAVE STEPPED UP THEIR ATTACKS/  
INTRODUCED MORE POWERFUL WEAPONS/EQUIPMENT. NOTES THAT  
CAMBODIAN EQUIPMENT BELIEVED RECENTLY ARRIVED FROM PRC;

VIETS USING CAPTURED AMERICAN F-5 FIGHTER-BOMBERS/EQUIPMENT. SAYS FIGHTING REPORTED HEAVIEST IN VIET-CONTROLLED AREAS OF PARROT'S BEAK/MIMOT RUBBER PLANTATION AND CAMBODIA-CONTROLLED AREAS ON VIET SIDE IN TAY NINH/KONTUM PROVINCES. QUOTES SOURCES THAT SRV USED LULL OF PAST SEVERAL MONTHS TO REPLACE REG FORCES FACING CAMBODIANS W/PARAMIL UNITS/GUERRILLAS, INCL CAMBODIANS/ETHNIC CAMBODIANS BORN IN VN. CONTENDS VIET OBJECTIVE IS INFILTRATION PRO-VIET CAMBODIANS WHO WOULD SEEK DESTABILIZE CAMBODIAN REGIME/BRING ABOUT EVENTUAL REPLACEMENT.

#### 6. VIETNAM

JURY OF 6 MEN/6 WOMEN BEGAN DELIBERATIONS THURS IN HUMPHREY-TRUONG CASE AFTER BEING ORDERED SEQUESTERED BY JUDGE (AP, SUN). LAT'S SHANNON (5/17) REVIEWS HIGHLIGHTS OF TRIAL, INCL TESTIMONY EA'S QUINN.

#### 7. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

BRITISH NAVY PATROL BOAT, ACTING ON TIP FROM PASSING FREIGHTER, PICKED UP 22 VIET REFUGEES THURS FROM RAFT SOUTH OF HK/TOOK THEM TO HK (REUTER HK).

#### 8. THAILAND

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COMMENTING ON APPEAL BY AMNESTY INTL FOR RELEASE POL PRISONERS IN THAILAND, PM KRIANGSAK SAID THURS THAT NATL SECURITY SHOULD NOT BE JEOPARDIZED BY NEED TO SAFEGUARD HUMAN RTS (REUTER BANGKOK).

#### 9. SINGAPORE

REUTER/LAT BOTH CARRY FEATURES ON SINGAPORE AIRLINES/ RECENT ORDER FOR NEARLY BIL-DOLS-WORTH NEW 747S. REUTER'S FREEMAN (SINGAPORE)QUOTES SIA CHRMN THAT AIRLINES PHENOMENAL SUCCESS DUE TO BEING ABLE PROVIDE BEST SERVICE TO PUBLIC IN ALL AREAS OF OPERATION AND KEY TO FUTURE EXPANSION LIES IN ADDITION SEVERAL MORE US DESTINATIONS. LAT'S DALLOS CITES EVIDENCE OF AIRLINES' SUCCESS IN ITS AVERAGE CAPACITY OF 70 PCT AS COMPARED WITH 50 PCT FOR OTHER LINES, INCR OF 1 MILLION PASSENGERS IN 3 YRS, 10 PCT INCR IN PRE-TAX PROFITS THIS YR. SAYS AIRLINES ECONOMIZES BY SERVING UNUSUAL/EXOTIC, BUT INEXPENSIVE DISHES, PUTTING 402 SEATS IN 747S--50-60 MORE THAN OTHER LINES, TAKING ADVANTAGE LOWER EMPLOYMENT COSTS IN SOME ASIAN COUNTRIES. VANCE

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